Financial aid to Brahmaputra Board

2274. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the total amount/grant-in-aid provided to the Brahmaputra Board since its inception till the end of the Financial Year 1992-93; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): The total amount of grants-in-aid provided yearwise to the Brahmaputra Board since its inception in 1981-82 and till the end of financial year 1991-92 in crores of rupees are: 0.10, 2.00, 10.20, 6.50, 8.00, 7.00, 5.75, 5.00, 6.65, 4.82 and 9.02. For the year 1992-93 an amount of Rs. 6.51 crores has been granted and an additional amount of Rs. 1.57 crores is envisaged to be released before March, 1993.

Sunkosh river Project

2275. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sunkosh river project in Bhutan have considerable potential of irrigation in India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the parts of the country likely to be irrigated by the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The area that can be irrigated in India is 8.6 lakh hectares. The parts of the country likely to be irrigated include the areas in Assam and West Bengal.

Clearance of major and medium irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

2276. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from Andhra Pradesh for clearance of pending irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details of the said memorandum; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. A Note on clearance of major and medium irrigation projects was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) and (c) A Statement is attached.

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S. No.	Name of Project	Status of Aparais l
1.	Telugu Ganga Project . .	Put up to Advisory Committee in April, 1988 bu t consideration deferred due to non resolution of inter-State issues. The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra have taken upon themselves the resolution of the inter-State issues.